R. Austin Kucera

Passionate Software Creator

AWS Certified developer focused on architecting cloud based solutions and elevating developers

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EDUCATION

Fisher College of Business (OSU)	BS in Business Administration	Full Academic Scholarship
Ohio State University	BA in English	Magna Cum Laude, GPA 3.7
Trinity Forum Academy	Nine month leadership and research fellowship	Full Scholarship

EXPERIENCE

Fuse — Tech Lead — 2021-Present

- After training a replacement tech lead to take over my previous team, I'm currently forming my second team at Fuse in order to attack a pre-greenfield problem-space
- Lead the bi-weekly all-tech-leads meeting by curating topics, facilitating discussion, creating working groups, and presenting on areas of excellence
- Started a software craftsmanship guild to increase developer craftsmanship; presented on various topics and moderated panel discussions
- Lead architecture of cross team integration to create and process receipts for services performed by pharmacists

Agility Partners — Tech Lead (for Fuse) — 2020-2021

- Collaborated with my product owner, architect, and delivery manager to architect a solution, hire developers, and establish a culture of craftsmanship on a new team, for a new internal product

Pillar — Software Artisan — 2018-2020

Connected Data Engine

- Created simulation to act as input data for the Data Engine before hardware was manufactured
- Led creation of full stack app that visually demoed power of the Data Engine for the SxSW demo.

Smart Columbus

- Co-led mini dev team of struggling developers in order to help them come up to speed
- Organized, lead, and presented Learning Lunches
- Led effort to locally run our cloud environment, in order to speed up development

Nationwide — Developer / Tech Lead — 2014-2018

Innovation Team

- Developed a chat bot that gives advice to small business owners. Powered by AWS Lambda, Lex, AWS Cloud Formation, and Machine Learning. Built by three developers in approximately two months
- In a team of three, leveraged AWS to build a demo over a three day period that recognized associate faces
- Created a 3D photo-realistic interactive experience for our on-campus museum utilizing HoloLens. Built by a team of two developers in four and a half weeks. Recognized with the Outstanding Contribution Award

Software Development Center

- Led one of eight teams on a tier one project: a Java application that manages ~25% of Nationwide's income
- Improved team collaboration and best practices while maintaining KPI

INTERESTS

- Average 1,000 public contributions on Github each year since 2019, made by spending 8-20 hours hobby programming each week
- Created 32 modifications for 4 games; they have been downloaded over 1,000,000 times
- Wrote and self-published fantasy novel Nitsua in high school (available on Amazon)
- Three time varsity wrestling team captain, Sectional and District Champion